



## 2008 Key Actions

**The Local Food Action Initiative establishes goals, creates a policy framework, and identifies specific actions to strengthen Seattle and the region's food system in a sustainable and secure way. Resolution 31019, passed by the Seattle City Council in April 2008, outlines the Initiative. It aims to improve the local and regional food system, and in doing so, advance the City of Seattle's interrelated goals of race and social justice, environmental sustainability, economic development, and emergency preparedness.**

### Healthy Food for All

- Added \$200,000 in the 2009 budget and \$200,000 in the 2010 budget for bulk buying of food for food banks
- Added \$200,000 in the 2009 budget and \$200,000 in the 2010 budget for home food delivery services for the disabled and elderly
- Requested that the Department of Parks and Recreation find ways to increase the availability of healthy food in vending machines, facilities, and programs as well as other City facilities, as well as food provided at programs such as after school programs and City-sponsored events
- Directed the Department of Human Services to develop a set of statistics on hunger in Seattle to help guide future investments and policies

### Farmers Markets

- Established a weekly City Hall Farmers Market, operated by Pike Place Market

### Policies and Plans

- Included \$2 million in the Parks for All Levy for expanding and developing new community gardens and P-Patches, approved by the voters

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**To learn more,** see the Initiative's website at [http://www.seattle.gov/council/conlin/food\\_initiative.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/council/conlin/food_initiative.htm) and the City's Food page at <http://www.seattle.gov/environment/food.htm>

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- Appropriated \$25,000 to the Department of Planning and Development to review land use code provisions to identify codes that supports or inhibits potential future development of urban agriculture and market gardening and to develop new standards or incentive programs
- Directed the Seattle Department of Transportation to clarify the rules, educate the public, eliminate fees, and promote the use of planting strips for growing food
- Identified and inventoried the most suitable City-owned properties for conversion to use for food production
- Directed the Department of Neighborhoods to identify and inventory the most suitable City-owned properties for conversion to use for food production
- Modified the Seattle Green Factor (standards for inclusion of green spaces in developments) to provide extra credit for providing fruit trees or food cultivation, including on green roofs, and expanded it to low-rise zones

## Collaborate

- Funded a consultant's recommendations for creating the City's Food System Action Plan in 2012 and 2013

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